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appointed to select the five members of the executive committee to be chosen from the board of directors. After a short recess the committee proposed Messrs. Bartholdt, McCall, Levering, Roberts, and Ralston to serve on the executive committee, the president, secretary, executive director, and treasurer to be *ex-officio* members of the committee. The report of the committee was approved and the five members elected.

The question of the appointment of the executive director was discussed and the executive committee were asked to submit by mail to the directors the name of the person whom they should select for this position, that no delay might occur in filling it.

It was voted, in accordance with the new constitution, that the following organizations be invited by the executive committee to appoint one representative each on the board of directors: The Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the World Peace Foundation, the American School Peace League, the American Society for International Conciliation, and the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes.

It was voted that the secretary arrange, if possible, at the Lake Mohonk Conference for an informal meeting of the directors there present to consider the work of the board as a National Peace Council.

It was voted that the transportation charges of the directors at large be paid.

The question of the formation of local sections of the State societies and their relation to the State societies and to the national society, and the question of the admission of constituent societies, were referred to the executive committee, with instructions to report to the next meeting of the board of directors.

A resolution presented by the committee appointed in the afternoon was approved and ordered to be given to the Associated Press. This resolution expressed regret at the mutilation of the arbitration treaties by the Senate, and also the hope that new treaties of similar character would be brought forward at an early date. It urged a system of arbitration for the settlement of all international differences of a justiciable nature with all the governments.

The secretary was requested to invite suggestions from prominent men as to subjects to be placed on the program of the Third Hague Conference.

On the request of the secretary, there was a general discussion as to the attitude which ought to be taken in the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE* on the question of armaments. The editor of the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE* was left to use his own judgment in the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 10.55 p. m.

Constitution of the American Peace Society, as Revised at the Annual Meeting on May 10, 1912.

ARTICLE I. This society shall be known as the AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II. The purpose of the American Peace Society is to promote permanent international peace, to educate and organize public opinion in opposition to war as a means of settling international differences, and to promote in every proper way the general use of con-

ciliation, judicial methods, and other peaceful means of avoiding and adjusting such differences.

ARTICLE III. This society shall include all persons, societies, and organizations in the United States interested in promoting the cause of international peace that may associate themselves with it in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

Any person may become a member of this society by joining any one of its constituent societies, or by enrolling as a member at large of the American Peace Society and by paying into its treasury a minimum annual membership fee of one dollar.

All members of constituent societies are members of the American Peace Society in full standing and have the right to participate in all meetings of the same.

ARTICLE IV. Each of the constituent societies shall be autonomous in its own field, and may establish such relations of affiliation and co-operation with other groups and organizations of persons devoted to the same end as may seem feasible and desirable. Each such society shall determine its scale of membership fees, but for each member shall pay annually into the treasury of the American Peace Society the sum of fifty cents, in consideration of which the journal of the society shall be furnished.

ARTICLE V. The affairs of the society shall be conducted by a board of directors, to be constituted as follows, viz.: twelve, who shall be known as "Directors at Large," shall be elected at the annual meeting of the society. The remaining members of the board, to be known as "Representative Directors," shall be chosen by the constituent societies in the following manner: every such society having 100 members shall be entitled to choose one member of the board of directors, and an additional member thereof for every additional 500 members.

Other peace organizations shall be entitled to representation on the board of directors as may be determined by the said board from time to time.

All directors shall be chosen for the year ensuing the annual meeting of the American Peace Society, and shall hold office until their successors have qualified.

The directors shall in all cases have the power to determine the eligibility of a society or organization to representation under this article of the constitution.

The directors shall also have the power to institute various classes of members and to fix the annual dues of each class and the rights and privileges of members of the several classes, except that no active member of the society, as defined in Article III of this constitution, shall be deprived of the right to participate by vote or otherwise in any meeting of the society.

The directors shall fill all vacancies occurring in any office or among the directors at large.

In addition to its other functions, the board of directors shall maintain a central clearing-house and bureau of information for the constituent societies, and for all persons and organizations in this and other countries engaged in promoting the cause of international peace and good-will.

Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the president and secretary, or the president and executive director, or by any three members of the board, on ten days' notice.

ARTICLE VI. The officers of the society shall be a president, one or more vice-presidents, as the board of directors may from time to time determine; a secretary, an executive director, a treasurer, and an auditor, to be chosen at the annual meeting of the society on the nomination of the board of directors.

The officers shall be elected for one year, and shall hold office until their successors have qualified.

ARTICLE VII. There shall be an executive committee of the society, to consist of the president, secretary, executive director, treasurer, and five members of the board of directors, to be chosen by the board immediately after the annual meeting. The executive committee shall, subject to the control of the board of directors, administer the affairs of the society, and shall fill temporarily all vacancies occurring in any office.

The executive committee shall choose its own chairman and secretary. It shall meet at least once in each month, except July and August, on a fixed date to be determined by resolution, and shall hold special meetings at the request of the chairman and secretary or of any three members.

ARTICLE VIII. The work of the society shall be organized in two departments: A Department of Organization and General Propaganda, to be in charge of the executive director, and a Department of Publication, to be conducted by the secretary.

The executive director, acting under the advice of the executive committee, shall undertake to bring into close and active co-operation the peace forces of the United States, shall assist in organizing new peace societies, and in increasing the membership of those now existing. He shall advise with peace workers in this and other countries to the end that public sentiment may be organized and strengthened, and shall make an annual report of his work to the board of directors.

The secretary, acting under the advice of the executive committee, shall, in addition to the ordinary duties of secretary, edit the publications of the American Peace Society, and shall distribute the same. He shall advise with peace leaders in this and other countries as to the best forms of publishing propaganda, with a view to preventing duplication and unnecessary expense. He shall keep the records of the society, and shall make an annual report to the directors of the work in his department.

ARTICLE IX. The society shall hold an annual meeting in May of each year, on such day as shall be fixed by the executive committee, following a meeting of the board of directors. The reports of the secretary, the executive director, and treasurer, when approved by the board of directors, shall be presented at said annual meeting of the society. Special meetings of the society may be called by the executive committee or by any twenty-five members of the society, on ten days' notice.

ARTICLE X. The object of this society shall never be changed, but the constitution may in all other respects be amended at the annual meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote, on the recommendation of the board of directors or of a majority of the constituent societies.

President Taft's address on "The Dawn of World Peace" was read in many of the schools of Boston on the Hague Day Anniversary last month.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Report of the Directors of the American Peace Society.

Mr. President and Members of the American Peace Society:

The directors herewith submit the eighty-fourth annual report of the work of the society, with a brief statement of the general status of the peace movement throughout the world at the present time.

The New Washington Headquarters.

After carrying on its work from 1828 to 1834 in New York, from 1834 to 1837 in Hartford, and from 1837 to 1911, a period of 74 years, in Boston, the American Peace Society, on the 1st of May last year, by action of its board of directors, moved its headquarters from Boston to the National Capital. This change was decided upon by the board after careful consideration for some two years. The new quarters were opened in Washington on the 1st of May last year, when the present board came into existence. The removal to the National Capital has so far justified itself most fully. The society had always been national in name and purpose, and had grown to be such in fact, both in its membership and in the scope of its labors. The change of location has much increased the feeling of this national character in all parts of the nation, and has made the increase of its membership and the creation of branch societies throughout the country much more easy of accomplishment. The location at the National Capital has also brought the management into more direct contact with our friends in Congress, and likewise with the Department of State, thus enabling us to realize more quickly and fully both the general sentiment of the country in regard to international affairs and more readily to understand the activities of the Department of State in relation to international questions. This gives the Society a power of influence which it could not otherwise have.

Meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee.

At the close of the annual meeting of the society, held at Baltimore on May 4th, last year, in connection with the Third National Peace Congress, our board met for organization. Provision was then made for the selection of the executive committee, to which, in accordance with the general plan of reorganization approved at the annual meeting, the executive work of the society was to be entrusted, the directors being expected to hold but two regular meetings during the year.

An important meeting of the board was held at the New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., on the 8th of December, in connection with the special meeting of the society, called to consider more fully the reorganization of the society, with a view of trying to bring about, if possible, a federation of all the peace societies of the country. During the summer and autumn important interviews had taken place between representatives of the Carnegie Peace Endowment, the New York Peace Society, the American Peace Society, etc., at which plans for the reorganization and federation above alluded to were most carefully discussed. The result was the calling of this special meeting of the society on the